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Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of all Sizes

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SBA WORTH COUNTY DISASTER ASSISTANCE CENTER TO CLOSE SBA URGES APPLICATION RETURN - DON'T WAIT FOR INSURANCE SETTLEMENT

ALBANY, Ga. - The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) announced today that it will close its temporary disaster assistance center in Worth County Friday, August 12 at close of business.

Individuals and businesses that were affected by Tropical Storm Dennis that occurred July 10 have a few days left to get personal help with their SBA disaster loan applications. "We keep our centers open as long as there appears to be a need for SBA assistance. We have seen very few people at this location over the past few days. That tells us we've probably met the needs of those in the area that were interested in getting help," according to Acting Disaster Area Director Frank Skaggs.

"We are urging anyone who sustained losses because of Tropical Storm Dennis to apply with SBA for assistance and return the completed loan application as soon as possible. I hope you'll come into the center and personally meet with a SBA Loan Officer who can answer any questions about the disaster loan program, give you an application, and provide any extra help you may need or want in completing your application. Our staff will remain in Worth County at the Sylvester Fire Dept., 101 N. Westberry Street in Sylvester with hours Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.," said Skaggs. The last day to get personal help at this office will be Friday, August 12 between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. when the office closes.

"Don't wait to settle your insurance claim before turning in your completed SBA disaster loan application. We don't want anyone to miss the September 19, 2005 application deadline for physical damages," Skaggs said today.

Victims that sustained physical damage due to the severe weather in the declared counties of Cherokee, Cobb, Colquitt, Douglas and Worth and the contiguous counties of Bartow, Brooks, Carroll, Cook, Crisp, Dawson, Dougherty, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Lee, Mitchell, Paulding, Pickens, Thomas, Tift and Turner in the State of Georgia are eligible to apply for these SBA disaster loans.

"I also want to express my thanks to the staff at the Sylvester Fire Department in Worth County for providing the space for our loan assistance center. The courtesies extended to our staff were greatly appreciated," Skaggs added.

After the center closes, applications and program information will still be available by calling the SBA toll-free at 1-800-659-2955 or 800-877-8339 for the hearing impaired. Completed applications should be returned to: U.S. Small Business Administration Disaster Assistance, 14925 Kingsport Highway, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline for returning applications for physical damage is September 19; the deadline to return economic injury applications is April 19, 2006.

For more information visit SBA's website at www.sba.gov/disaster

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